

Please amend this application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel Claims 10-41. A complete listing of the claims with proper claim identifiers is set forth below.

1. (Original) A customizable absorbent article comprising:
  - an extensible body facing layer having a first end and a second end spaced along a longitudinal axis, wherein said body facing layer is extensible along said longitudinal axis;
  - an extensible garment facing layer having a first end and a second end spaced along said longitudinal axis, wherein said garment facing layer is extensible along said longitudinal axis; and
  - a non-extensible absorbent core disposed between said body facing layer and said garment facing layer; and

wherein said absorbent core is affixed to at least one of said body facing and said garment facing layer at at least one location between said first and second ends.
2. (Original) The customizable absorbent article of claim 1, said body facing layer having at least one aperture therein and exposing a surge layer, disposed between said body facing layer and said garment facing layer, to a body of a user.
3. (Original) The customizable absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said garment facing layer further comprises a releasable attachment component.
4. (Original) The customizable absorbent article of claim 3, wherein said attachment component comprises discrete areas of mechanical fastener, said discrete areas being disposed at said first and second ends of said garment-facing layer.
5. (Original) The customizable absorbent article of claim 3, wherein said attachments component comprises discrete areas of mechanical fastener, said discrete areas being disposed in a pattern on said garment-facing layer.

6. (Original) The customizable absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said absorbent core is anchored to at least said garment facing layer by embossing.

7. (Original) The customizable absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said core comprises a first and second end, said second end having slits approximately along a longitudinal axis, and wherein said first end of said core and said second end of said core are movable relative to one another along said lateral axis.

8. (Original) The customizable absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said body facing layer and said garment facing layer are comprised of a single piece of extensible material encasing said absorbent core.

9. (Original) The customizable absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said body facing layer and said garment facing layer are individual sheets of extensible material, and wherein said body facing layer and said garment facing layer are attached to one another along outer peripheries of said layers.

Claims 10-41 (Cancelled).

42. (Original) A method for absorbing bodily exudates with a customizable absorbent article, the method comprising:

providing said customizable absorbent comprising an extensible body facing layer having a first end and a second end spaced along a longitudinal axis, wherein said body facing layer is extensible along said longitudinal axis; an extensible garment facing layer having a first end and a second end spaced along said longitudinal axis, wherein said garment facing layer is extensible along said longitudinal axis; and a non-extensible absorbent core disposed between said body facing layer and said garment facing layer; and wherein said absorbent core is affixed to at least one of said body facing and said garment facing layer at at least one location between said first and second ends; and

manually adjusting said customizable absorbent article along said longitudinal axis by applying force along said axis, thereby deforming said extensible absorbent body facing layer and said garment facing layer; and

securing said absorbent article to an undergarment.